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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the official Office Action dated November 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**In the Title** begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Substitute Specification** begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Marked-up copy of Substitute Specification** begins on page 10 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 17 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawing** begin on page 20 of this paper.